

REMARKS

Claim Objections

The Examiner had noted some informalities in claims 3 and 4. These, as well as an improvement in grammar in claim 6, have been corrected by amendment.

Response to Rejections Under 35 USC §102

The Examiner had rejected claims 1, 3-5 and 7 as being unpatentable over Kim patent 6,501,641. The Examiner had stated that Kim teaches a bottom face including a combination groove 23 that fixes an LCD to an external member in Figs 4C, 6 and 7. Referring to FIGS. 6, 7 and column 5, of Kim, what is explicitly taught is that the numeral 23 does not teach a groove, but clearly specifies a rib. Further, the rib of the reference protrudes from a bottom surface. In contrast, the combination groove of the present invention is depressed from a bottom surface. Referring to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, rib is an elongated ridge. Thus, Kim at numeral 23 does not teach a groove. Therefore, we believe that the references do not teach or suggest the presently claimed invention and the rejection of claims 1, 3-5 and 7 is respectfully traversed.

Of these claims, claim 4 is being amended so that it recites a structure having: "a receiving container having first sidewalls and a first bottom face, the bottom face including a combination groove that fixes the receiving container to an external member, a width of a portion of the combination groove being larger than a width of an entrance of the

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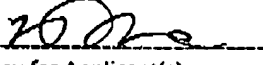
combination groove". Claim 4 as amended is distinguishable from the Kim patent.

Response to Rejections Under 35 USC §103


The Examiner had rejected claims 2, 6 and 8 under Section 103 on basis of Kim and Kuo patent 6,109,948 stating that Kuo could be combined with Kim to make obvious the spherical shape configuration of applicant's spherical combination groove and conforming coupling member. As pointed out above, Kim shows a rib, not a combination groove. Further, inspection of the Kuo reference, in particular Fig. 7, shows the Kuo element 50 is an external spring member forming one of the external parts of an electrical cable connector. A cable connector is a non-analogous to a combination groove and non-analogous to a spherical combination groove not only because the cable connector requires an externally exposed spring element but also because the curved spring 50 makes contact with only a small portion of the periphery of the Kuo ball member 461.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendment of the claims 3 and 4 and the arguments set forth above, Applicants request that the rejections of claims 1 - be withdrawn and that the case be passed to issue. Should Examiner desire to discuss the application, please contact the undersigned at (408) 392-9250.

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